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1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF
OCTOBER 30 YOMIURI ARTICLE BY CORRESPONDENT NAGAI, BASED ON VERY
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RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH HIGH NORTH VIETNAMESE OFFICIAL AND EE

DIPLOMATS IN HANOI. WE CONSIDER NAGAI A RELIABLE REPORTER.
"PESSIMISTIC VIEW IN HANOI OVER EXPULSION OF LON NOL FROM UN;
MILITARY PRESSURE IN DRY SEASON NOTED
(HANOI, OCTOBER 29, SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NAGAI) ONE FOCAL
POINT OF THIS YEAR'S UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION IS THE
PROBLEM OF CAMBODIA'S RIGHT OF REPRESENTATION, BUT A PESSIMISTIC
VIEW HAS ARisen HERE AMONG DIPLOMATIC SOURCES OF THE EAST AS TO
WHETHER THE PLAN FOR EXPELLING THE LON NOL ADMINISTRATION WILL
BE SUCCESSFUL OR NOT. THIS IS A PHENOMENON WHICH WAS NOT SEEN
WHEN THIS REPORTER (SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NAGAI) VISITED HERE
LAST MAY. IT SHOWS THAT THE OPERATIONS BY ASEAN, JAPAN, ETC.,
IN THIS CONNECTION HAVE BEGUN TO PRODUCE CONSIDERABLE EFFECTS,
AND VARIOUS COUNTRIES ARE TAKING STRONG INTEREST IN THE WHERE-
ABOUTS OF THE VOTES FOR OR AGAINST THE PLAN.

A CERTAIN HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL OF THE EAST, WHOM THIS
REPORTER INTERVIEWED RECENTLY AND WHO IS EXTREMELY WELL VERSED
IN INDOCHINA AFFAIRS, SAID, "THE SITUATION IS TO THE DIS-
ADVANTAGE OF THE SIHANOUK ADMINISTRATION." HE PRESUMES THAT THE
"PLAN FOR SHELVING THE PROBLEM FOR ONE YEAR," PRESENTED BY ASEAN,
JAPAN, ETC., WILL HOLD A MAJORITY, THOUGH BY A SMALL MARGIN.
AMONG THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES OF THE EAST, THERE ARE MANY, OF
COURSE, WHICH CONSIDER THE EXPULSION OF THE LON NOL ADMINISTRATION
INEVITABLE. HOWEVER, IT IS EXTREMELY INTERESTING THAT THIS HIGH-
RANKING OFFICIAL, WHO EXPRESSED THE ABOVE-NOTED VIEW TO THIS
REPORTER, IS NOT A SOURCE CONNECTED WITH THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH
STILL HAS CONTACT WITH THE SIHANOUK ADMINISTRATION.

AS CAUSES OF THE APPEARANCE OF THE PESSIMISTIC VIEW,
AN INFORMED SOURCE HERE POINTS OUT THE FOLLOWING FACTS: (1) THE
"PLAN FOR SHELVING THE PROBLEM" (ASEAN RES) HAS OUTWARDLY A
FORWARD-LOOKING ASPECT OF BEING A RECONCILIATION OPERATION BY
THE UN; (2) AMONG THE COUNTRIES WHICH VOTED IN FAVOR OF
PRINCE SIHANOUK LAST YEAR, SOME DID SO HALF OUT OF COURTESY,
WITHOUT EXPECTING THAT THE NUMBER OF SUCH VOTES WOULD COME CLOSE
TO A TWO-VOTE MARGIN; AND (3) ALTHOUGH ADMITTING THE OVERWHELMING
SUPERIORITY OF THE LIBERATION FORCES, MANY COUNTRIES DO NOT WANT
TO CREATE A PRECEDENT OF HANDING THE RIGHT OF
REPRESENTATION TO AN ADMINISTRATION WITH THE CHIEF OF STATE
IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY. THUS, THE INFORMED SOURCE PREDICTS THAT
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SOME COUNTRIES WHICH VOTED FOR PRINCE SIHANOUK WILL ABSTAIN
FROM VOTING.

THE SAID HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS SAYS, "FOR THE
SETTLEMENT OF THE CAMBODIAN PROBLEM, CONSIDERABLE TIME
WILL STILL BE REQUIRED, AND MUCH BLOOD WILL HAVE TO BE
SHED." THIS IS A COMMON VIEW NOW IN HANOI. THEREFORE, INTEREST
HERE IS BEING TAKEN IN HOW MUCH MILITARY PRESSURE THE LIBERATION

FORCES WILL APPLY IN THE DRY SEASON, LASTING FROM THE LATTER HALF OF THIS MONTH TO MAY NEXT YEAR. WHETHER OR NOT THEY CAN BREAK FROM THE TRADITIONAL PATTERN OF SINGLE-SHOT ATTACKS, ESPECIALLY IN THE OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE BATTLES AGAINST THE CAPITAL CITY OF PHNOM PENH, IS THOUGHT TO BE A YARDSTICK TO FORESEE THE FUTURE OF CAMBODIA."

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